

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
ABA No. 1875 of 2025

Uma Shankar Mahto@ Uma Shankar Kumar aged about 32 Years,
Son of Bhuneshwar Mahto@Bhun Mahto, Resident of Village-
Manmat, P.O and P.S- B.Nagar, District-Chatra

... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand

... opp. party

Coram: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioner : Mr. Abhay Kr. Chaturvedy , Adv.

For the State : Mr. Bishambhar Shastri, Addl. PP

02 / 25.03.2025

Heard the parties.

Apprehending his arrest, the petitioner has moved this Court for grant of privilege of anticipatory bail in connection with Complaint Case No. 1149 of 2021 registered under Sections 33 (1) (C) of the Indian Forest Act.

Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the allegation against the petitioner is that the petitioner was clearing the forest area for the purpose of cultivating the poppy crop. It is then submitted that the allegations against the petitioner are all false and those allegations are general and omnibus in nature. It is next submitted that the petitioner is ready to co-operate with the trial of the case and also undertakes to furnish sufficient security including cash security and he undertakes not to go to the forest area during pendency of the case hence, the petitioner be given the privilege of anticipatory bail.

The learned Addl. PP opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner.

Considering aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case, I am inclined to grant the privilege of anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Hence, in the event of arrest by the police or surrender within a period of six weeks from the date of this order, the petitioner shall be released on bail on

depositing Rs. 20,000/- as cash security and on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned CJM, Chatra in connection with Complaint Case No. 1149 of 2021 subject to the condition that the petitioner will not go to the forest area during pendency of the case and will co-operate with the trial of the case along with the other conditions laid down under section 482 (2) of BNSS, 2023.

(ANIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY, J.)

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